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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an agreement authorizing certain persons to make decisions regarding a child during an investigation of child abuse or neglect.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 34.001, Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 34.001. APPLICABILITY. This chapter applies only to:

(1) an authorization agreement between a parent of a child and a person who is the child's:

(A) [~~(1)~~] grandparent;

(B) [~~(2)~~] adult sibling; or

(C) [~~(3)~~] adult aunt or uncle; and

(2) an authorization agreement between a parent of a child and the person with whom the child is placed under a parental child safety placement agreement.

SECTION 2. Chapter 34, Family Code, is amended by adding Section 34.0021 to read as follows:

Sec. 34.0021. AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT BY PARENT IN CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES CASE; TERMINATION. (a) A parent may enter into an authorization agreement with a relative or other person with whom a child is placed under a parental child safety placement agreement approved by the Department of Family and Protective Services to allow the person to perform the acts described by

1 Section 34.002(a) with regard to the child:

2 (1) during an investigation of abuse or neglect; or

3 (2) while the department is providing services to the
4 parent.

5 (b) An authorization agreement under Subsection (a)
6 terminates if:

7 (1) the department terminates the parental child
8 safety agreement; or

9 (2) the parental child safety agreement expires.

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.